

OPINION 714

MÖRCH, 1852-53, *CATALOGUS CONCHYLIIORUM*: VALIDATED
UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS WITH THE DESIGNATION
OF A TYPE-SPECIES FOR *PSEUDAMUSSIUM*
MÖRCH, 1853 (PELECYPODA)

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers:

- (a) the work of Mörch, 1852-1853, *Catalogus Conchyliorum quae reliquit D. Alphonso D'Aguirra et Gadea Comes de Yoldi*, Pts. I & II, Hafniae, is hereby validated in spite of the fact that this work was not published for the purposes of zoological nomenclature;
- (b) all designations of type-species for the generic name *Pseudamussium* Mörch, 1853, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside, and the nominal species *Pecten septemradiatus* Müller, 1776, is hereby designated to be type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Pseudamussium* Mörch, 1853 (gender : neuter), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1)(b) above, *Pecten septemradiatus* Müller, 1776, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1650.

(3) The specific name *septemradiatus* Müller, 1776, as published in the binomen *Pecten septemradiatus* (type-species of *Pseudamussium* Mörch, 1853) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2044.

(4) The following entry is hereby made on the Official List of Works Approved as Available for Zoological Nomenclature with the Title Number 41.

Mörch (O.A.L.), 1852-1853, *Catalogus Conchyliorum quae reliquit D. Alphonso D'Aguirra et Gadea Comes de Yoldi* Hafniae. Pts. I, II.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1501)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. T. Soot-Ryen in September 1961. Dr. Soot-Ryen's application was sent to the printer on 20 October 1961 and was published on 16 July 1962 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19** : 254-256. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two malacological serials. The proposals were supported by Dr. Henning Lemche and Dr. Myra Keen (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **20** : 164).

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 11 December 1963 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (63)39 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19** : 255, and a supplementary proposal that the title of Mörch's work be added to the Official List of Works Approved as Available for Zoological Nomenclature. At the close of the prescribed Voting Period on 11 March 1964 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-five (25), received in the following order: China, Boschma, Hering, Holthuis, Lemche, Mayr, Riley, Miller, Stoll, Binder, Jaczewski, Vokes, Brinck, Tortonese, Alvarado, Bonnet, Uchida, Obruchev, Mertens, Forest, Hubbs, Ride, Evans, Kraus, Sabrosky.

Negative votes—two (2); Simpson, do Amaral.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Munroe.

Commission Borchsenius returned a late affirmative vote. The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

Dr. Per Brinck (23.i.64): From a principle point of view, I think sale catalogues with limited distribution should not be available for the purposes of zoological nomenclature. In this particular case I do accept the proposal, however, as numerous supraspecific names in the catalogue are in use today and as I take it for granted that there will be no confusion.

Dr. G. G. Simpson (23.i.64). 1. The validation of a work known not to have been published for purposes of nomenclature is a dangerous precedent. 2. There is no showing that names dated from Mörch are in fact in general usage, or that names in general usage would in fact be changed if Mörch's catalogue were not validated.

Dr. Carl L. Hubbs (9. iii.64): I have consulted Dr. Joshua L. Bailly on this proposal. He knows no objection to the listing of *Pseudamussium* nor for the validation of the Mörch *Catalogus*, says that the names of Mörch are in current use, and recommends a "for" vote.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Pseudamussium Mörch, 1853, *Catalogus Conchyliorum* (2) : 59
septemradiatus, *Pecten*, Müller, 1776, *Zool. dan. Prodr.* : 248

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (63)39 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 714.

W. E. CHINA
Acting Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

14 August 1964